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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**Introductory Remarks:**

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 26, 2004 (Paper No. 20040420) herein referred to as ("Office Action"). Applicants respectfully request entry of this paper and reconsideration of the application in view thereof.

This paper is believed timely filed on or before May 26, 2004. Notwithstanding, should this paper not be considered timely filed, Applicant hereby requests a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to maintain pendency of the Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0258.